

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11-14 and 16 were reported in the Office Action as pending. Claims 1-5, 11-14 and 16 are rejected. Claims 6, 8 and 9 are objected to. Claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 have been amended. Claims 6, 7, 10, 15 and 16 are cancelled. Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 11-14 remain.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

It is asserted in the Office Action that Claim 16 is rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for the reasons set forth by the Examiner.

In response, Applicant has cancelled Claim 16 to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

It is asserted in the Office Action that Claims 1-5, 11-14 and 16 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP'199 in view of Yamasaki.

In response, Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to include the limitations of Claim 6 which the Examiner indicated is allowable over the prior art. Claim 2 has been amended to depend from Claim 1 instead of Claim 16 which has been cancelled.

In addition, Claims 8 and 9 have been amended to depend from Claim 1 instead of Claim 6 which has been cancelled. Claim 15 has also been cancelled.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP'199 in view of Yamasaki, is respectively requested.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims pending following entry of this amendment, namely Claims 1-5, 8, 9, and 11-14, are now in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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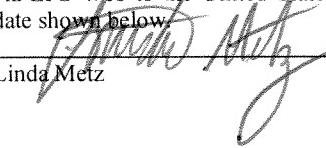
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